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BRYAN IS SURE OF A VICTORY IN CONVENTION

Nomination of Former Attorney General For Vice President Is Probable—Friends Assert Harmon Can Carry Ohio.

CHICAGO, March 12.—Dejected though he is by the politicians, William Jennings Bryan, without question, will be the unanimous choice of the Democratic national convention when it assembles at Denver next July, says a Chicago correspondent. Continuing this correspondent says:

"The Denver meeting promises to be quite different from that which will occur in Chicago when the Republican will select their standard bearer for the impending campaign. On the part of the Republican leaders there will be jealousy and dissension. On the eve of a most important campaign one set of Republican politicians backed up by important financial and Wall street interests, is opposed to another set, headed by the President, and comprising practically all of the Republicans in the ranks. The Democrats, on the other hand, are nearly united as they could hope to be. William Randolph Hearst, who is no longer considered by Bryan to be a Democrat, has become an out-and-out Independence Leaguer, and unquestionably there will be a ticket headed by him or some one else in the field.

"From one end of the country to the other, it is the understanding of the people that Bryan will be the nominee of the Democratic party. The sentiment is for him, whatever the politicians may say. In New England I took occasion to ask quite a number of Democratic voters who they thought should lead them in the coming campaign. The unanimous answer was 'Bryan.' In the Middle Atlantic States I received the same response to the same question.

"In Ohio the friends of Judson Harmon, former Attorney General in Cleveland's cabinet, wanted that statesman endorsed by the Democratic State committee as the presidential nominee of the party. Bryan went to Columbus, the capital of the State, on the eve of the meeting of the committee. He was received by an extraordinarily large crowd and the people turned out in masses to hear him during his afternoon and evening appearances. The committee met and unanimously endorsed Bryan, approving Harmon, not for first, but for second, place on the ticket.

"One of the strongest men the Democratic party has today is Gov. Johnson, of Minnesota. The governor anticipates that the sentiment of the country is for Bryan, and he recently announced that he would not be a candidate. Judge Gray, of the North Dakota, who may do so, may have the support of the delegation from his State if he desires it. But Judge Gray is too wise a man to permit his name to be presented in a convention which will be packed by Bryan delegates.

"If the Southern leaders could have their way, Bryan would not be the candidate of the party. But they are powerless, as are the leaders of the North. Nothing they may do can block the nomination of the 'Peaceful One' from Nebraska. Bryan has taken occasion to go through the South, as he has through the North, West, and East, addressing large crowds and making speeches where they would do him the most good. In Kentucky, for example, he made a strong fight for the election of Gov. Beckham to the United States Senate. In some respects Beckham is unpopular, having committed the Democratic party in the State to certain local reforms, such as local option, which failed to meet with unanimous approval.

"But Bryan's interests in supporting Beckham's candidacy, as he did in speeches made in the Blue Grass State, arose from his desire to have a Democrat made a member of the Senate. Consequently he lost nothing with the anti-reform element while attaching Beckham and his supporters to him with hooks of steel. Beckham is in control of the Democratic machine in Kentucky and will force an instruction for Bryan should pressure be necessary. In Tennessee a movement was under way to have direct primaries for the impending nomination. Bryan could have no objection to that, for the people of the State are for him. At the same time the Democratic State committee adopted a resolution declaring that he was the man Tennessee desired as the Democratic nominee.

"Unlike the Republican convention there will be practically no contesting delegations at Denver. Practically everybody will be for Bryan, say the professional politicians. That latter would like to beat Bryan if they could, but they can't, and they must swallow him with the best grace they can muster. The likelihood is they will name Harmon as the Vice Presidential candidate. Harmon represents, of course, an entirely different element from Bryan. He was intimately associated with Grover Cleveland, serving in his cabinet. But he is a man who can give a great deal of strength to the ticket. Bryan claims the country has come up to him, as President Roosevelt has put into effect reforms which the Nebraska advocated long ago. Harmon, on the other hand, has been among the conservative following. He has never openly approved of the Bryan reforms, nor has he been publicly disapproved them. Moreover, Harmon was one of the first Attorney Generals to give effect to the Sherman anti-trust law. He was named by the President two years ago to make an investigation of the charge that Paul Morton, now president of the Equitable Life Insurance company, and at the time Secretary of the Navy in Mr. Roosevelt's cabinet, was guilty of grafting rebates while connected with the Santa Fe railroad. Harmon found the charge true and recommended proceedings by the government. Morton was given a clean bill of health, however, and resigned from the cabinet to go with the insurance company.

"There is a lot of good campaign

DRUNKEN BRAWL ENDS IN KILLING

As a result of a shooting shortly before midnight in the Ft. Bliss saloon, known in the early days as 'The Bucket of Blood,' Walter Harper, a soldier at Ft. Bliss, was killed by A. Redmon, bartender, and George L. Hagemann, proprietor of the place, is lying in the Ft. Bliss hospital in a critical condition from a bullet wound.

Following the killing Redmon, who is said to be an ex-convict, came to the city and gave himself up to the police, and is now in the county jail waiting to be tried on the charge of murder.

Coroner C. W. Marshall was summoned and made the first trip to the saloon, which is outside the military reservation, at 4 o'clock this morning, and conducted an inquest over the body of Harper.

Henry Ulrich, transfer at Ft. Bliss, and eye witness to the shooting, said he was at the saloon between 11 and 12 o'clock when the trouble started. According to his statement, Harper was in front of the bar, and as he entered from a room at one end of the bar, Harper threw a beer glass and hit Redmon. The witness saw blood on Redmon's face. Harper then threw another glass at the bartender, and followed him around the bar after he threw the second glass. Harper and Redmon clinched, and Harper pulled another glass from his overcoat pocket.

According to the witness, Redmon exclaimed to Harper, 'You have done enough,' and then pulled his gun from his hip pocket and fired. The first shot Ulrich says, went wild, while the second, he believed, struck Hagemann, who was coming to separate the men, while the third took effect in the back of Harper's head.

Witness said the soldier died within a few seconds; behind the bar where the shooting occurred. According to his statement, Redmon remarked to the crowd in the saloon to let him out as he intended to give himself up.

A. F. Redmon, the bartender, who did the shooting in his statement to the coroner said:

"I did it for the simple reason that material in Harmon. Whether it will be effective, in view of the immense popularity of the President, is doubtful. The question of Harmon's availability is involved also with that of his ability to carry Ohio, or against that. His friends are confident he can do so. His friends say he may count, not only upon the entire Democratic vote of the State, but upon that of the disaffected Republicans, who resent the way in which Senator Foraker has been treated. While the negroes may not vote for Bryan and Harmon, at least it is hoped they will refrain from casting Republican ballots, and this, if general, would reduce the Republican vote by a good many thousands.

"In Massachusetts the negroes have formed a league which is anti-Taft in character. I asked the leader what he and the 8,000 voters who are members of the league will do on election day. 'We cannot vote for Taft if he be the nominee of the Republican party,' he answered. 'Nor can we vote for Bryan. The only thing I see for us to do is to take to the streets.'

"So far as the Southern negroes are concerned, they do not count, save in Missouri, and quite a number there claim they will not vote for Mr. Taft. They also say they will not vote for Bryan. The Democrats naturally are anxious to curtail the Republican vote in doubtful States, and when the campaign is on it is likely the country will see a strenuous appeal to free negroes to abstain from supporting a party which, it will be declared, treated members of its race as outcasts as President Roosevelt did the black soldiers dismissed on account of the Brownsville affair."

THE INTERNATIONAL MINING EXHIBITION

The Silver Belt is in receipt of a communication from William M. Porter, secretary of the International Mining exhibition, which is to be held at Madison Square Garden, New York, from May 20 to June 20, asking it to put forth its efforts in securing the co-operation of local mining men in the movement.

Among the features of the event will be practical demonstrations of American methods of mining as well as those of every civilized country on the globe. Rock drilling contests will be participated in and it is highly probable that Page brothers and Melvins and Pickens, the present world's champions, both Arizona teams, will participate. Eight thousand dollars in prizes will be awarded in this contest.

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Mrs. George Hagemann, in her testimony, differs with the soldier witness, stating that it was between 1:30 and 2 o'clock, but, according to Coroner Marshall he has ascertained that an ambulance was called, hasty before 12 o'clock to the saloon.

Mrs. Hagemann told, practically the same story as Ulrich, adding that Redmon was returning from Hagemann's room, where he had been to serve some drinks when Harper threw the glass at him. She then told how Harper had followed Redmon behind the bar, and of the shooting which followed. Ulrich said Redmon had his arm half around Harper's head when he fired the shots, the men being clinched at the time.

Both Ulrich and Mrs. Hagemann express knowledge of previous trouble between Harper and Redmon, the woman stating that she heard Harper say he would make Redmon eat the gun, which he usually carried with him.

The coroner this morning took the statement of George L. Hagemann, who is now at the Ft. Bliss hospital in a critical condition, and according to Hagemann, the first shot went wild, the second took effect in Harper's head, and the third struck himself. The bullet entered Hagemann's back and came out in the groin.

Redmon has engaged Attorney Charles Patterson to defend him in the trial, the preliminary hearing was held Wednesday morning, before Justice Marshall.

Walter E. Harper, the dead man, has seven years continuous service to his credit in the army. He first enlisted in the 2d Infantry and accompanied the regiment to the Philippines, but later he transferred to the 19th and completed his period of enlistment in that regiment. He was discharged at the expiration of his service in the Philippines, at Manila, but immediately re-enlisted on May 6, 1905, and would have been discharged on the day next May had he lived. His company commander was Capt. Enoch. The body will be given a military burial in the post cemetery.

WITNESS IS GIVEN UNPLEASANT TIME

Cross-Examination of Promoter Beal at San Francisco Is Interesting.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—Manager and Promoter C. N. Beal, of the Bay City Water company, spent an uncomfortable day on the witness stand in Judge Dooling's court today in the Tevis libel suit, while Attorney Matt Sullivan continued to probe into the accounts of personal transactions between Beal and Tevis.

Previously Beal had testified that he had paid sums set down to the publicity account out of his own pocket. Today he admitted that of the total account of approximately \$12,000, all but \$2,500 had been repaid to him by Tevis. Beal said the actual expenditures on land options in connection with the Sierra Mountain source had been \$25,322 and on this basis there had been issued \$25,000 in stock and \$750,000 bonds. He added that there was a note signed by himself and guaranteed by Tevis, for \$140,000, which was not included in the foregoing total expenditures.

"I have seen you frequently refer to a little memorandum book. May I see it?" queried Sullivan.

The witness handed the little book to the judge.

"Oh, no, that's not the book," corrected Sullivan.

The witness growing red, pulled out another book from his pocket, the apparent shifting causing a laugh in the court room.

COPPER SUPPLY IS ABOUT EXHAUSTED

Never in History of Industry Has Market Been So Short of the Red Metal.

The copper metal market was very active during the past week, the total sales amounted to from 40,000,000 to 50,000,000 pounds—some of the biggest weeks in the metal market for a long time.

There has never been a time when the visible supply of unsold copper in the country was so small as it is today, and what this means when the domestic demand improves can readily be seen. The market is literally scraped bare of metal, according to the best authorities in New York.

As has been noted before, the bulk of the metal sold during the month was taken for European account, and will be shipped abroad as fast as arrangement can be made for carrying it. It is the old story over again—Europe has secured all the cheap copper and American consumers will buy theirs on the way up.

It is of course impossible to tell when the American demand will set strong again, but indications are that it will not be long. Already there has been a notable increase in the number of inquiries in the hands of selling agents. Local producers say they have noticed the better feeling among the consumers, and they are, as a rule, holding their copper for 14 cents a pound or better. It now looks as though the coming week would see an improvement in prices and there is also a possibility that some of the big mines, especially those in the Butte district, may resume operations so that the increasing demand may be met.

SENATE WILL VOTE.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The ocean mail shipping bill will be voted on by the Senate on Friday, March 20, in pursuance of an agreement made today.

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